

Invention title: **Roller for Selectively Applying Paint At Surface Corners** Application No. **10/599,056**
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A paint roller for applying paint onto a surface comprising:
 - a frustoconically-shaped applicator having:
 - a coupler end;
 - a distal end opposite the coupler end;
 - an external surface between the coupler end and the distal end; and
 - a paint-absorbable member;
 - the paint roller further comprising:
 - a circular integral guard disposed at the coupler end; and
 - a rolling guide disposed at the distal end,
 - wherein a resilient means radially disposed about a centre of the rolling guide enables the rolling guide to move eccentrically about an axis of the applicator ~~wherein the rolling guide coacts with a resilient means to permit rotation about an axis of rotation.~~
2. (Previously presented) The paint roller of Claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a planar cross-section of the coupler end has a different size than ~~is not the same as~~ the planar cross-section of the distal end.
3. (Previously presented) The paint roller of Claim 1, wherein the frustoconically-shaped applicator further ~~comprising~~ comprises a chamber defined by the coupler end, the distal end and the external surface join~~[[ing]]~~ the coupler and distal ends~~[[,]]~~, and the chamber further ~~having~~ has a plurality of perforations.
4. (original) The paint roller of Claim 3, wherein the chamber is accessible by a closable inlet.
5. (cancelled)

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6. (original) The paint roller of Claim 1, wherein the coupler end permits rotation of the paint applicator about an axis.
7. (Previously presented) The paint roller of Claim 1, wherein [[the]] a diameter of the integral guard is predetermined to allow the circular integral guard to contact the surface only when excessive force is used to apply paint.
8. (cancelled)
9. (previously presented) The paint roller of Claim 1, wherein the resilient means is held in place by a retainer.
10. (cancelled)
11. (cancelled without prejudice)
12. (cancelled)
13. (Previously presented) The paint roller of Claim 9, wherein the resilient means is sandwiched between the rolling guide and the retainer.
14. (Previously presented) The paint roller of Claim 9, wherein the resilient means comprises an elastomeric material and is shaped like a washer-shaped disk.
15. (Previously presented) The paint roller of Claim 9, wherein the resilient means comprises a plurality of curved fingers radiating from a wall of a central orifice of the rolling guide and coacting against a retainer wall.

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16. (Previously presented) The paint roller of Claim 9, wherein the resilient means comprises a plurality of coil springs coacting on a flexible circular wall.